

Memory Club

Generations in dialogue:
The CIF-experience
during six decades
and visions for the future

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International Exchange in Social Work

Developments – Experiences - Impacts

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The Researcher

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- ★ Member of CIF since 2005
- ★ Participant of the Italian/Slovenian Program 2005
- ★ Workshop leader at the Conference in Bonn 2005

The idea



- ★ To make the work C.I.F. is doing and the programs more known
- ★ To make the impact of exchange programs more known (for professionals and in the `scientific community`)
- Main question:
=> Which meaning do the exchange programs have in the context of social work?

I wanted to know more about ...

- ★ the development of CIF, of its National Branches and its programs
- ★ the experiences during 50 years
- ★ the outcomes:
 - for the professional and personal development of participants
 - for social work (with focus on Germany)

Parts of the research project

1. Analysis of literature
2. CIF and its National Branches
3. Questionnaire for former participants
4. Publication

Part 1: Analysis of literature

- ★ Analysis of literature concerning exchange research
- ★ Analysis of the history of the international dimension of social work (esp. in Germany)
- International activities in the area of social work in the 20th century
- ★ Analysis of the influences from abroad on the history of theories and methods of social work in Germany
- ★ Theoretical approach to the potential impacts of exchange programs

Part 2:

CIF and its National Branches

- ★ Collection of information about CIF
- ★ Written survey of the National Branches
- ★ The work of the NBs in the context of the social and political developments during the last 50 years
- ★ Changes of programs
- ★ Participants
- ★ Challenges



Part 3: Questionnaire for former participants

- Who participates in a program?
 - personal and professional situation
 - motives
- ★ What kind of experiences do they make
- What is their outcome?
 - professional advancement
 - personal development
- 2 steps:
 - During the conference (August 2009)
 - Online (August/September 2009)



Results of part 1 – 3: Evaluation

- ★ The international dimension and international exchange in the history of social work (at the example of Germany)
- ★ The development of CIF, of its National Branches and its programs against the background of the last 50 years
- ★ Impacts of the exchange of German professionals in the context of the development of theories and methods in Germany in the 50ies and 60ies
- ★ Situation, experiences and outcomes of participants of CIF-/CIP-programs 1957-2009

Conclusion and outlook

- ★ Research as a contribution to knowledge about exchange programs
- ★ Knowledge about the role of EPs in the history
- ★ Knowledge about the impacts of exchange programs on participants and on social work
- ★ Knowledge for the further development of EPs
- ★ Impulse for others to deepen the knowledge
- ★ Impulse for more financial support of EPs



Thank you!